



FACT SHEET

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM

Washington State Military Department

Emergency Management Division

Camp Murray, WA 98430

The Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) is available to the State of Washington following a Presidential declaration of a major disaster. This state-administered program is authorized by the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Section 404 of Public Law 93-288, as amended. HMGP funds mitigation planning initiatives and mitigation projects designed to reduce or eliminate the effects and costs of future disaster damage.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

State Government
Local Government

Certain Private Nonprofit Organizations providing
Like-Government Services and Facilities

Special Districts
Indian Tribes

Applicants must be jurisdictions that are participating and in good standing in the National Flood Insurance Program, and in compliance with State Growth Management Act requirements, or located in a community that is.

FUNDING CONSTRAINTS

The grants are available to eligible applicants on a competitive basis with the following cost share: 75 percent federal and 25 percent non-federal (applicant and state may split this share, based on legislative approval). The amount available for the HMGP is based on a percentage of FEMA expenditures on disaster assistance, which may limit the size of projects and grant awards. All mitigation project proposals will be evaluated against federal and state program criteria and they must be cost-effective.

APPLICATION, FUNDING PROCESS

1. Potential applicants submit "Letters of Intent" (LOI) to participate in the program.
2. Following review of LOIs, State Emergency Management Division (EMD) provides application packets to eligible applicants with potentially eligible projects.
3. EMD reviews submitted applications for eligibility, with site visits conducted as necessary.
4. A state-local review committee evaluates and scores the applications.
5. EMD recommends projects to FEMA for funding based upon score and available funds.
6. FEMA makes grant awards following its review, to include environmental and historic preservation considerations, as required.
7. Upon notification of approval and funding, EMD prepares a grant funding agreement with the applicant and provides a notice to proceed.

ELIGIBLE PLANS, PROJECTS:

Among the eligible mitigation projects are (see FY 2013 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Guidance, <http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/33634?id=7851> (pages 23-27)):

- Acquisition of hazard-prone property for conversion to open space in perpetuity;
- Elevation of existing public or private structures to avoid coastal or riverine flooding;
- Dry flood-proofing of non-residential and historic residential structures.
- Structural and non-structural retrofitting of existing buildings and facilities to reduce or eliminate the risk of future damage and to protect building inhabitants;

- Backup power generator that protects a critical facility;
- Measures to reduce risk to existing utility systems, roads and bridges;
- Minor localized flood reduction projects such as modification of culverts and floodgates, minor floodwall systems or ring levees to protect individual structures or facilities, and storm water management projects to reduce or eliminate long-term risk from flood hazards and that do not constitute a section of a larger flood control system;
- Soil stabilization projects to reduce risk to structures and infrastructure from erosion and landslides.
- Wildfire mitigation such as preparation of defensible space around buildings, application of ignition resistant construction, or reduction of hazardous fuels.
- Development or revision of Hazard Mitigation Plans using 44 CFR Part 201 criteria.

NOTE: Applicants must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation plan in order to be eligible to apply for project grant funds.

INELIGIBLE MITIGATION ACTIVITIES

Among the ineligible mitigation projects are (see FY 2011 Hazard Mitigation Assistance Program Guidance, pages 11-18 for details):

- Risk assessments, technical assistance, studies, or workshops not resulting in a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan.
- Information dissemination activities that exceed 10 percent of the total planning application.
- Limited plan revisions that do not result in comprehensive hazard mitigation plan update.
- Projects that do not reduce the risk to people, homes, neighborhoods, structures, or infrastructure.
- Phased or partial projects, including engineering designs, feasibility or drainage studies not integral to a proposed project.
- Projects for which actual physical work such as groundbreaking, demolition or construction has occurred prior to grant award.
- Major flood control / erosion projects such as the construction or repair of dikes, levees, floodwalls, seawalls, groins, jetties, or dams, waterway channelization, and beach nourishment or re-nourishment.
- Water quality infrastructure projects.
- Projects that address ecological issues related to land and forest management.
- Preparedness measures, response and communication equipment, and warning and alert notification systems, including stand-alone emergency generators and related equipment.
- Demolition / rebuild projects (also called mitigation reconstruction).
- Projects that solely address maintenance or repairs of existing structures, facilities or infrastructure.
- Projects that solely address a manmade hazard.

NOTE: Applicants must have a FEMA-approved Hazard Mitigation plan in order to be awarded project grant funds.

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